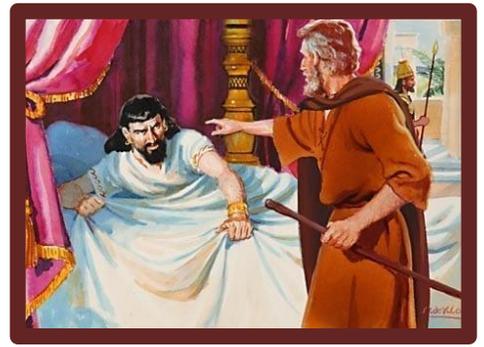


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ELIJAH: God Judges Ahaziah

2 Kings 1

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➤ Review: 1 Kings 16 & 21

❖ God judged Ahab for his sin. (16:21-23)

- Omri, Ahab's father, reigned for 12 years. (16:23)
- To date, Omri was Israel's most wicked king. (16:25-26)
- Ahab succeeded his father & reigned for 22 years. (16:29)
- Ahab became Israel's most wicked king. (16:30)
- Ahab married Jezebel – the Sidonian priestess of Baal. (16:31)
- Via Jezebel, Ahab instituted Baal & Asherah worship in Israel. (16:31-33)



❖ After Jezebel carried out Naboth's murder, God spoke. (21:17)

❖ God's prophecy regarding Ahab. (21:19-24)

- Dogs will lick up Ahab's spilled blood. (v. 19)
- God would end Ahab's blood line. (vv. 21-22)
- Ahab killed in battle against the Syrians. (22:34-38)
- The dogs shall eat Jezebel. (vv. 23-24)
- God's prophecy for Jezebel was fulfilled at Jezreel. (2 Kings 9:30-37)

❖ Ahab's reaction toward God's prophetic word. (21:24-29)

- God is omnipresent (not pantheism), omniscient, & omnipotent. (vv. 25-26)
- Ahab repented. (v. 27) God stayed His judgment. (vv. 28-29)
- Ahab, his wife, and family would still reap sin's consequences. (v. 29)

➤ 2 Kings Biblical History of Israel (*see maps*)

❖ Chapter 1: Ahaziah (Ahab's son) is king – approximately 853-852 B.C.

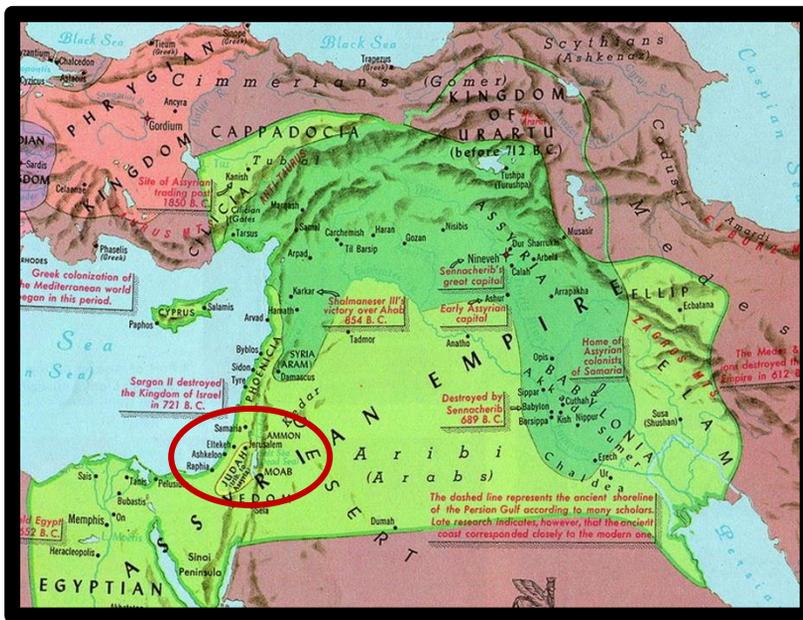
❖ God judged Israel and Judah for their sin against Him.

- Israel: God sent the Assyrians in 722 B.C. – *dismantled the kingdom.*
- Judah: God sent the Babylonians in 586 B.C. – *demolished the kingdom.*

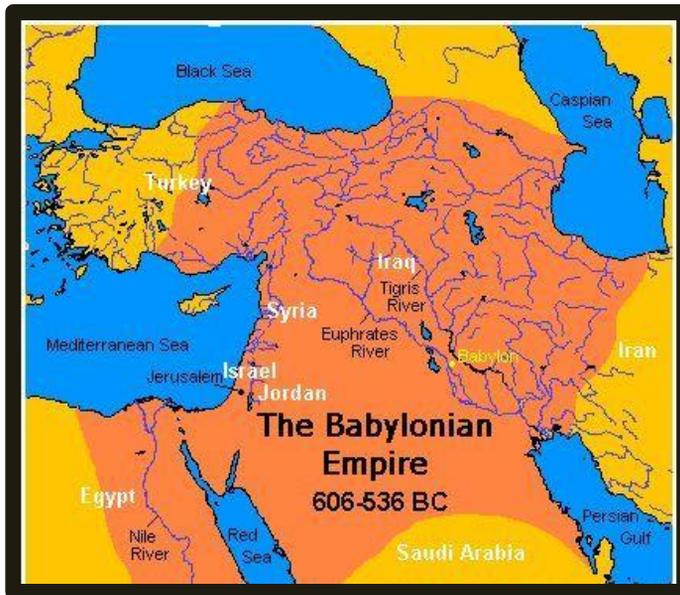
❖ 2 Kings ends with Judah's last king in Babylonian exile being released.

❖ Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in 597 B.C. Released from prison by Evil-merodach in 560 B.C.





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625 B.C. - 330 B.C.

- The king. (1 Kings 22)
 - ❖ Upon Ahab's death, his son – Ahaziah – became Israel's new king. (22:51)
 - ❖ He reigned *two-years*. He was an evil king, who led Israel to sin. (22:51-53)
- The situation. (2 Kings 1:1-4)
 - ❖ Without strong moral leadership, the wicked rebel. (v. 1)
 - ❖ The king fell from the upper chamber of his palace home. (v. 2)
 - ❖ Baal-zebub: “lord/god of the flies” (v. 2); form of Baal-zebul.
 - ❖ Baal-zebul: “lord/god; exalted one; master of the height; possibly, master of the dwelling.
 - ❖ Ahaziah seeks counsel from a pagan god/priest; not from Jehovah/*YHWY*. (v. 2)
 - ❖ God spoke to Elijah. (vv. 3-4)
- The encounter. (2 Kings 1:5-8)
 - ❖ The king's emissaries met Elijah. (vv. 5-6)
 - ❖ Spiritual Issues
 - Israel's allegiance to God. Israel's misplaced worship.
 - Israel's obedience & love.
 - Which is greater, man-made idols, or, God?
 - Loyalty & allegiance to God? The king? Baal-zebul?
 - ❖ The king's emissaries obeyed Elijah. (v. 6)
 - ❖ By appearance alone, Ahaziah knew they had encountered Elijah. (vv. 7-8)
- The protection. (2 Kings 1:9-16)
 - ❖ God defends, & protects, all people who serve and obey Him.
 - ❖ 50 to 1 odds. (vv. 9, 11, 13)
 - ❖ The third captain was humble, not arrogant. (v. 13)
 - ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:7
 - ❖ God, nor His word, can be brought under human control. (vv. 9-15)
 - ❖ Issues: Human free will, &, spiritual warfare. (v. 16)
- The prophecy. (2 Kings 1:17-18)
 - ❖ God's prophecy is both timely and telling. (vv. 3-4;15-16)
 - ❖ God's Word is both authoritative & sufficient. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - ❖ God's Word is infallible (Psalm 19:7-9) and inerrant (2 Peter 1:20-21).
 - ❖ God always has the first, and the last word. (v. 17)
 - ❖ Ahab and Ahaziah are gone. There are no children. (1 Kings 21:19-24)
 - ❖ Jehoram, his brother, became king. (v. 17)

